



NEW LOOK FOR FOXROCK IN 2020!

The website and logos for Foxrock have been completely redesigned for 2020 by FACE to give a fresh look to all Foxrock marketing material - see below:



CHECK OUT NEW WEBSITE!
www.foxrock.ie

...and follow us on:
Instagram @foxrock_village
Facebook @foxrockvillage

The website will be constantly updated with information on events and special promotions from businesses in the village. It also contains valuable information from An Garda Síochána re security information (see under 'Community'), a full directory of all businesses in the village (see under 'Enterprise') and lots of information under 'Foxrock Tidy Towns' and 'Area Conservation' re Tidy Towns activities and planning respectively.

Sincere thanks to John Feehan (www.cornerhouse.ie) for our new 'branding', particularly the new logos, and Pasquale Mellone (www.increasily.com) for our refreshed website.



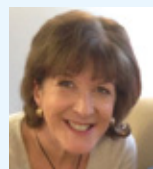
John Cody
Chairman



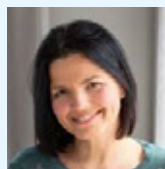
David Spicer
Company Secretary



Sheila Moore
Treasurer



Jane Bowes



Pat Kane



Rowena Quinn

Introduction from Chairman, John Cody

Welcome to the Spring 2020 edition of the FACE Newsletter, we hope you approve of our new look!

Firstly, sincere thanks to everyone who attended our Information Evening on 20th January in Foxrock Golf Club. The high turnout clearly highlighted the concerns of both residents and business owners re security following the recent burglaries in the area. We have written to all our local TDs and Councillors to highlight our concerns, are in regular contact with An Garda Síochána and continuing to investigate the possibility of CCTV in the area. We also plan to organise a follow up meeting later in the year to update the community on our progress. In the meantime, for your additional security, please see information overleaf on Neighbourhood Watch.

The new village website, logos etc. were launched to business owners on Friday 6th March and they are committed to ensuring the website and social media will be updated with their promotions on a regular basis.

The future of FACE is totally dependent upon your financial support to ensure we can continue with all our activities. We are solely funded by your subscriptions along with specific grants from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council towards biodiversity projects and community events. Please see invoice inserted with this newsletter and we look forward to your continued support - sincere thanks to those who have already paid.

Finally, we are delighted to announce a new member to the board of FACE, Pat Kane, the founder of **reuzi** - the new sustainability for living business in the village.

John Cody, Chairman

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Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, led by Jeannette Mee, provides an important service for the area. By sharing valuable advice provided by An Garda Síochána and communicating important messages updating the community on current security issues, residents are fully informed and reminded to be vigilant.

The FACE Information Evening in Foxrock Golf Club in January clearly highlighted the concerns of the community in relation to the recent burglaries. Sergeant James Malone, the Crime Prevention Officer for the county, made a presentation to the meeting which provided valuable advice and he addressed various queries raised by residents. Whilst Foxrock has a lower incident rate than many other areas, it is still extremely important to remain vigilant at all times and follow the advice given by An Garda Síochána on the night - further information can be found on the Foxrock website detailed under **Security Information** in next column.

Following lengthy discussions, it was agreed that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme would endeavour to set up a 'WhatsApp Group' for each of the main roads in the area necessitating at least one administrator on each road. Jeannette has met with those who expressed interest at the meeting and would like to hear from anyone who wishes to get involved (email: jeannettemee@gmail.com).



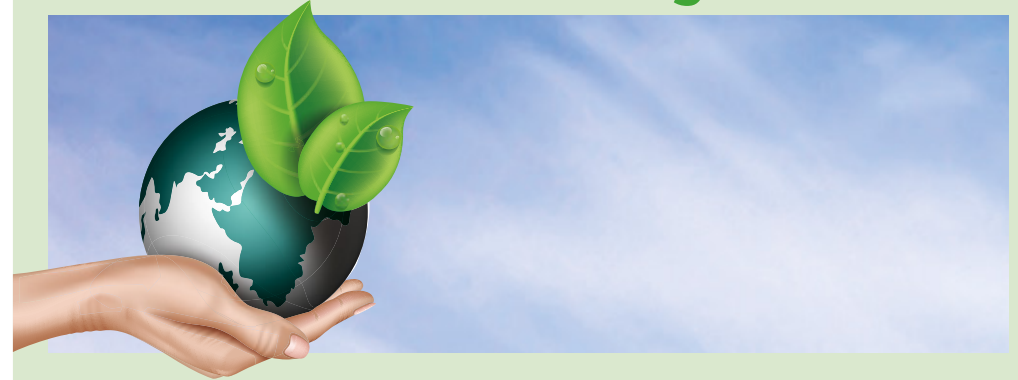
To register with the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in order to receive information and updates, simply email jeannettemee@gmail.com and provide your name, full address and contact information.

SECURITY INFORMATION:

See www.foxrock.ie under 'Community' for important security information from An Garda Síochána which can be downloaded including leaflets listed below. If you do not have internet access, please contact us with details of information required and we will arrange for it to be delivered to your home.

- Holiday Security
- Home Security Checklist
- Home Security Burglary Infographic
- Home Security Intruder Alarms
- Home Security Lighting
- Mobile Phone Theft Prevention
- Personal Safety Bogus Traders & Callers
- Security for Doors & Windows
- Security for Gardens
- Security for Cars & Bicycles

Sustainability Plan



The mission of FACE is to promote sustainable living through innovative and engaging programmes and initiatives.

A three-year plan has been submitted in our competition entries to Tidy Towns and Tidy Districts and involves the following actions:

- **CREATE AWARENESS:** Encourage involvement to futureproof the community and define the problems
- **ENGAGEMENT:** Share the impact of real positive change through talks, work shops and campaigns
- **ACTION PLANS:** Delivery easy, yet important programmes to the residential and business communities

FACE is working closely with Pat Kane of reuzi, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and other stakeholders. In addition, FACE will be regularly communicating information on how we can all make small changes to help this plan.



The village businesses are a key stakeholder in this plan and are launching 'Foxrock Village Goes Green' on 31st March. Congratulations to Thomas's of Foxrock who no longer provide plastic shopping bags and instead encourage customers to bring their own or offer the alternative of brown paper bags or their branded sustainable bags (see also Page 5).

FACE Information Evening 2020



FACE held its annual Information Evening on 20th January in Foxrock Golf Club which was attended by over 150 residents and village business owners – the highest attendance to date.

This turnout was largely due to concerns in relation to security and planning issues in the area (see facing page and page 7 for updates re both respectively).

Sincere thanks to Foxrock Golf Club for hosting this event.

A further meeting will be held later in the year to provide information on the outcome of investigations into the various topics discussed and in the meantime if there is any other matter you would like to raise, please email: facefoxrock@gmail.com



Fair Deal Scheme Advice Session

**7.30pm Tuesday 28th April Parish Hall,
Tullow Church, Brighton Road**

If you are considering long term care for yourself or a loved one you probably have lots of questions. To help you to understand the Fair Deal Scheme Tullow Parish has organised an advice session by professional advisors who specialise in the scheme.

They will give a presentation on the Fair Deal Scheme and answer general questions. Numbers are limited, book on Eventbrite.ie - search for Fair Deal Scheme. €20 for an individual or €30 for two people.

Social Bridge Sessions

Have you always wanted to play or improve your bridge? Would you like to learn and play in a social, non-competitive environment? If so, contact Tullow Parish Development Officer, Caroline Jolley jolleycaroline@yahoo.ie.

Sessions will be hosted in Four Ferns Nursing Home next door to the church.

Tullow Church



Beckett in Foxrock 2020 Saturday 28th March Tullow Church, Brighton Road

Did you know that when he couldn't sleep at night Samuel Beckett used to mentally play the first five holes at Carrickmines Golf Club?

That is just one of his memories of the local area which will be shared with the audience at **Beckett in Foxrock** along with a performance of *Krapp's Last Tape*. In *Krapp's Last Tape* Krapp remembers going to church, falling asleep and falling off the pew. We promise the audience won't fall asleep in the church attended by Beckett and his mother!

With Abbey veteran Macdara Ó Fátharta and *Game of Thrones* and *Fair City* actor Deirdre Monaghan.

Tickets at €30, which include a wine reception, are selling fast but may be booked on **Eventbrite.ie** - search for *Beckett in Foxrock 2020*.



WELCOME TO FOXROCK!

FLOWERS MADE EASY

Under new ownership!

Tel: 01-2897048

www.flowersmadeeasy.ie



Foxrock is delighted to welcome to the village Lisa O'Loughlin and Graham Conroy, the new owners of **Flowers Made Easy**. Flowers Made Easy is Ireland's largest delivery company and florists established to make it easy to buy flowers directly from the shop or order online for delivery to anyone in Ireland or around the world.

Its award winning florists are renowned for their incredible style and creativity and

Flowers Made Easy are also Ireland's first Ethical Florist, having registered with Fair Flower Fair Plants (FFP) many years ago. Flower imports arriving directly from growers in Holland 5 days a week ensure flowers are simply the best quality in the market place and supported by a 100% satisfaction guarantee.

PURE PHARMACY

New pharmacy now open!

Tel: 01-2893270

Email: purepharmacyfoxrock@gmail.com



Pure Pharmacy is delighted to have opened in Foxrock Village! Pure Pharmacy is 100% Irish owned and provides high quality healthcare at a reduced price. Pure Pharmacy caters for all healthcare needs including over the counter medicines, vitamins, skincare, first aid, cosmetics and baby care. Services include free blister packing of medicines as well as blood pressure testing at the pharmacy.

Pure Pharmacy offers up to 60% saving on monthly prescription prices with no sign-up fees required. The Pure Pharmacy team would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming since opening in December and are delighted to be part of the Foxrock community.

THE FOUR FERNS

Officially opened 8th December 2019!

Tel: 01-9123940

www.fourferns.ie



The Four Ferns is a self-contained luxury community, located on Brighton Road in Foxrock. It offers unrivalled, luxurious, elegant, non-clinical accommodation that is accompanied by 5 star services including spa treatments, turn-down service, daily paper delivery and à la carte dining. The Four Ferns fuses cutting edge interior design with state-of-the-art technology, delivering an innovative sanctuary to support and enhance the quality of life of each of its residents.

The prime location enables local residents to remain part of the community as well as offering easy access for visiting family.



TONER SOLICITORS

The Gables, Foxrock Village

Tel: 01-5662614

Email: aoife@tonersolicitors.ie

www.tonersolicitors.ie

Aoife Toner is a local solicitor based in Foxrock village. Aoife established Toner Solicitors in 2017 and provides a professional and personal service to clients on Family Law and Property matters.

Regus The Gables Foxrock

www.regus.ie



Global workspace provider Regus boasts a network of ten centres in and around Dublin. The Gables Foxrock is one of them, located in a boutique-style building in the centre of the picturesque village. Here they provide flexible workspace for businesses of all sizes, including offices, coworking and meeting spaces.

If you would like to arrange a viewing or want to know more please call **SAM** on **086 032 8776**



Estate Agents



Fashion Boutique



Fine Food & Wine Emporium



Florist



Gift Gallery



Golf Clubs & Driving Range



Hair Salon



Medical Centre



Nursing Home



Pharmacy



Dry Cleaning



Dog Grooming



Dentist



Car Sales, Service Station & Valeting



Building, Decorating & Plumbing



Butcher



Beauty & Skincare Salon

Your village has all the following shopping and services for your convenience, please support them to ensure their sustainability – **SHOP LOCAL!**

Bistro One

Tel: 01-2897711
www.bistro-one.ie

Cassini Boutique

Tel: 01-2894242
www.cassiniboutique.com

Fagans of Foxrock

Tel: 01-2070041
www.fagans.ie

Flowers Made Easy

Tel: 01-2897048
www.flowersmadeeasy.ie

Foxrock Dry Cleaners

Tel: 01-2897599

Fox Framing

Tel: 01-2896510
www.foxframing.ie

Foxrock Golf Club

Tel: 01-2893992
www.foxrockgolfclub.com

Foxrock Medical Centre

Tel: 01-2896155
www.foxrockmedicalcentre.com

Foxrock Post Office

Tel: 01-2894098
www.anpost.ie

Pat Hall Plumbing

Tel: 087-2515550

Hunters Estate Agent

Tel: 01-2897840
www.huntersestateagent.ie

Iconic Beauty

Tel: 01-2070757
www.iconicbeauty.ie

Brendan Just Builders

Tel: 01-2893385

Daphne L. Kaye & Associates

Tel: 087-2560269 / 01-2899034
daphne@daphnekayeandassociates.ie

Kerb Café / Restaurant

Tel: 01-2896735
www.kerb.ie

Leopardstown Racecourse & Golf Centre

Tel: 01-2890500
www.leopardstown.com

Pure Pharmacy

Tel: 01-2893270
purepharmacyfoxrock@gmail.com

Regus

Tel: 01-5662588
www.regus.ie

reuzi

Tel: 086-1770049
www.reuzi.ie

Santanna Hair Studio

Tel: 01-2891111

Sherry Fitzgerald

Tel: 01-2894386
www.sherryfitz.ie

South Dublin Dental

Tel: 01-2899772
www.southdublindental.ie

Texaco Service Station

Tel: 01-2893881

The Four Ferns Nursing Home

Tel: 01-9123940
www.fourferns.ie

The Gables Restaurant & Wine Bar

Tel: 01-2892174
www.thegables.ie

The Guinness Gallery

Tel: 01-2897955
www.guinnessgallery.com

The Scarlet Heifer

Tel: 01-2897676
www.thescarletheifer.com

Thomas's of Foxrock

Tel: 01-2894101
www.thomasoffoxrock.ie

Toner Solicitors

Phone: 01 5662614
Web: www.tonersolicitors.ie

Unleashed Dog Grooming Studio

Tel: 085-1924781
www.unleashed-grooming.com



Picture Framing



Post Office



Racecourse



Restaurants



Serviced Offices



Solicitors



Sustainable Living



The businesses are committed to supporting the village Sustainability Plan (see page 2) and are 'Going Green'! They will be working to reduce single-use plastic, food waste, encourage you to bring your own cup by offering discount for coffee and other initiatives – details will be available on the Foxrock website and social media.

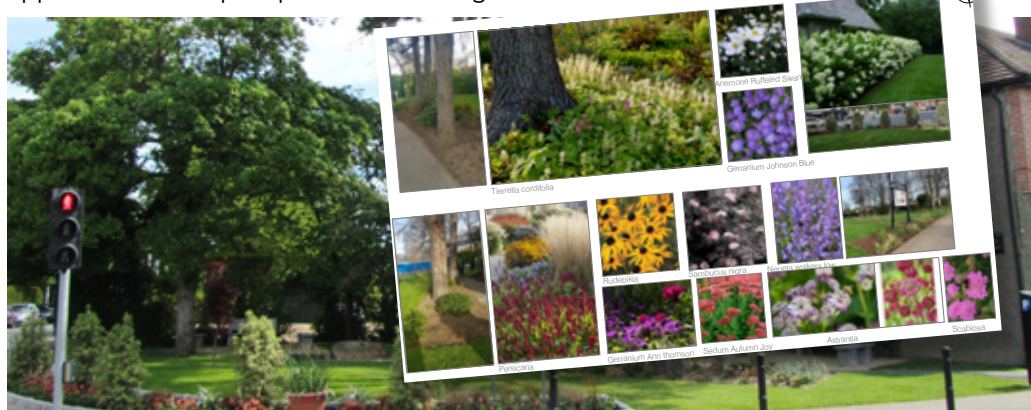


For participating businesses check out www.foxrock.ie (under 'Enterprise')

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Foxrock Tidy Towns 2020 Planting

FACE formed the Foxrock Tidy Towns (FTT) committee in 2010 with representatives from local residents and businesses. At the start of each year, in consultation with Doyle Landscapes (www.doylelandscapes.ie), new landscaping projects are designed together with a full review of the annual maintenance contract. FACE, with approval from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, has assumed responsibility for the appearance and upkeep of the following areas:



- Beckett Green – including new landscaping, seating & plaques re Samuel Beckett
- Joyce Green – including bio-diversity planting, landscaping, benches & noticeboard*
- Foxrock Car Park – rockery, flower beds & planting against wall*
- Westminster Road Junction with N11
- Claremont Road Junction with Brennanstown Road & Claremont Road
- The Birches, Tresilian & Hainault Road entrances
- Herb filled planters in Foxrock Village

* grass cutting by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Following receipt of funding from Pobal and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Foxrock Tidy Towns has selected a variety of plants to encourage pollinators and butterflies into the area. These plants are currently being planted in key locations and are both colourful and useful having been carefully chosen to provide nectar and pollen throughout the season.

Tidy Towns & Tidy District Competition Entries:

Foxrock Tidy Towns has entered the SuperValu National Tidy Towns Competition since 2010 and the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Tidy Districts Competition since 2014. The entries, submitted annually in May, are currently being prepared with projects being identified which require detailed plans and 'before and after' photographs. Judging takes place during June and July with the results announced in September.

BIODIVERSITY: It's all about the birds and bees!



Foxrock Tidy Towns continues to grow its biodiversity projects and last year installed its first 'Insect Hotel' on Joyce Green. This year, Tullow Church has collaborated with FTT Group on a joint venture to install a series of **bird boxes, bat boxes, hedgehog homes, bee biomes** etc. in three locations: Beckett Green, Joyce Green and Foxrock Village Car Park.

Sincere thanks to Tullow Parish and particularly to Caroline Jolley (Tullow Development Officer) who has vast experience in biodiversity and has given valuable advice to FTT in recent months. FTT also appreciates the support of the Council and Leopardstown Racecourse in relation to this project.



Volunteers wanted, we need your help!

FACE plays a major role in the overall landscaping of the Foxrock area with annual planting projects and ongoing maintenance of key locations however it needs the support of all residents in relation to the overall appearance.

To help ensure Foxrock looks its best, particularly during judging, the committee would appreciate if everyone could play their part by maintaining the immediate area outside their home and participating in the community 'Clean Up Days'. These are held in April as part of **An Taisce National Spring Clean Month** and mainly address the ongoing issue of litter in the area. The village and the main arteries (Brighton, Torquay and Westminster Roads) were in excellent condition but unfortunately there were insufficient volunteers to pick litter on the residential roads in the rest of the area and this led to a loss of points last year.

For dates of Clean Up Days look out for banner in village and posters on noticeboards (all necessary equipment including gloves, litter pickers, bags etc. are provided)

Tidy Towns Results History:

2010 - 211, 2011 - 230, 2012 - 241, 2013 - 250,
2014 - 273, 2015 - 280, 2016 - 290,
2017 - 293, 2018 - 300 & 2019 - 308.

(Total marks available 2010 - 2013 = 400, 2014 - 2018 = 450, 2019 = 470)

Tidy Districts Results History:

2014 - 85, 2015 - 92, 2016 - 80, 2017 - 80,
2018 - 85 & 2019 - 84.

(Total marks available 100)



Overview

Foxrock is a low-density residential area dating from the 1860s onward and it is characterised by large single-family homes on generous sites in a sylvan setting of mature trees and hedges. This type of suburban development is a recognised urban design type called 'Arcadia'. The essential feature of the Arcadian suburb is the low density of development and the use of landscape to enclose the buildings, creating the illusion of a rural environment in a residential area. As present-day land values and the principles of sustainable development preclude the development of new areas at such densities, it is extremely important therefore that an existing unique area of this type of development such as Foxrock should be conserved.

FACE strives to preserve the character of Foxrock and makes submissions to both the Council and An Bord Pleanála on all significant proposed developments. FACE also commissioned a report from Registered Architect and Planning Consultant Feargall Kenny B.Arch., Dip. T.P., RIBA, MRIAI, MIPI – this 30 page reports includes detailed information on past and present submissions and selected content can be used on future submissions by residents (available to view/download on www.foxrock.ie go to 'Planning' under Area Conservation).

County Development Plan

The Planning and Development ACT 2000 requires a planning authority to make a new County Development Plan for their area every six years. The current Development Plan for the County of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown was adopted in March 2016 and covers the period up to 2022.

FACE established a steering group to prepare for the next County Development Plan 2022-2028, engaged with residents and businesses for their opinions and formulated a submission for the 'Pre-Draft Public Consultation' in order to inform the Council of the views of the community for their consideration. FACE has requested the creation of a Local Area Plan (LAP) for Foxrock as the current ACA status does not cover the entire Foxrock area and, in particular, has not proven adequate to protect the area from high density developments.

FACE is engaging in further consultation with local councillors to seek their support for its request for a Local Area Plan - please see timetable to the right:

Architectural Conservation Area (ACA)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has recognised that the Foxrock area has unique qualities which require special protection under the planning system and, as a result, the core area of Foxrock – comprising Torquay Road, Westminster Road, Brighton Road, Kerry Mount Avenue and their immediate environs – were designated as an ACA in July 2007.

The planning legislation gives legislative force to the concept of Architectural Conservation Areas. The Act allows for a Development Plan to include an objective to preserve the character of an area that is of special architectural interest if the planning authority is of the opinion that its inclusion is necessary for the preservation of character of the place – referred to as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA).

The Act obliges a planning authority, or An Bord Pleanála on appeal, when considering a planning application for permission of development on land situated in an ACA to take into account the material effect that the proposal will have on the character of the ACA.

Stages of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028:

Stage	Action	Timeframe
Pre-Draft	Pre-draft Public Consultation	8 Weeks Commencing 3rd January 2020
	Prepare Chief Executives Report on Pre-Draft Submissions	8 Weeks
	Councillors Consider Chief Executive's Report on Submissions and make directions	10 Weeks
Chief Executive's Draft Plan	Preparation of Chief Executive's Draft Plan	12 Weeks
	Councillors Consider Chief Executive's Draft Plan and deem it to be the Draft Plan unless amended	8 Weeks
Draft Plan	Preparation of Draft County Development Plan	2 Weeks
	Draft Plan Public Consultation	10 Weeks
	Prepare Chief Executive's Report on Draft Plan Submissions	12 Weeks
	Councillors Consider Chief Executive's Report on Submissions Councillor's now ADOPT or AMEND Draft Plan	12 Weeks
Amendments to Draft Plan	Preparation of Amendments to Draft Plan	3 Weeks (or more if required by AA or SEA)
	Public Consultation on Amendments to Draft Plan	4 Weeks
	Preparation of Chief Executives Report on Submissions	4 Weeks
	Councillors Consider Chief Executive's Report on Submissions Plan must now be MADE	6 Weeks
Adopted Plan	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan comes into effect	6 weeks after the Plan is made

We are here..

Footpaths:

Thank you to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council for the recent upgrade of footpaths on the left hand side of Westminster Road approaching the village. The Council has also approved the upgrade of the footpath leading from the village car park to Texaco Service Station – works should commence in approximately 6 weeks.

Background:

Foxrock Area Community & Enterprise Limited (FACE), originally formed in 2002 to focus on planning issues, was restructured and 'rebranded' in 2012 to reflect the broader remit it is responsible for including:



Foxrock Tidy Towns:
Landscaping and Maintenance



Area Conservation:
Planning and Sustainability



Community:
Neighbourhood Watch, Family Events etc.



Enterprise:
Representing Businesses in the Village

The board consists of six directors (see front cover) who volunteer their time and are responsible for the four 'pillars' above together with Jeannette Mee who leads Neighbourhood Watch and Denise Kenny who steers Foxrock Tidy Towns. FACE is solely funded by annual subscriptions from residents and businesses together with grants from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council towards environment projects and community events.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the community up to date on important issues for the area, FACE actions and activities in addition to providing information on the role of FACE for new residents and business owners. Hopefully, it will also encourage volunteers to come forward and get involved - this would be particularly welcome in relation to Neighbourhood Watch and Foxrock Tidy Towns as we are aiming to have a 'Road Ambassador' on each of the main arteries within the area to co-ordinate communication with residents.

If you would like more information, please email your interest to: facefoxrock@gmail.com



USEFUL CONTACTS

Cabinteely Garda Station

Gas Networks Ireland

Foxrock Church

Tullow Church

Foxrock Medical Centre

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Tel: 01-6665400

Tel: 1850-205050 (If you smell Gas)

Tel: 01-2893492 (Parish Office)

Tel: 01-2893154 (The Rectory)

Tel: 01-2896155

Tel: 01-2054700 (01-6778844 after hours)

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